



4th
Sunday
in
Lent

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Mission Statement:

Tipton First United Methodist Church

“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 am Service

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Karis Horstmann - Administrative Ministries Coordinator

Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director

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Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist

Greg Brown - Director of Xn Chaos

Don Griffith - Custodian

Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director

Jamie Bahr - Xn Chaos Keyboard

Sam Semotan-Dir. Little Friends

March 6, 2016

LENT 4

10:30 A.M.

Welcome visitors – *Whether you're here with friends or relatives, or if you're here by a mysterious, guiding hand, **welcome** and we're glad you're here. If you've not been here before, relax. We aren't going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself or anything like that. If you're new to First, we do have print materials on the table at the back of the main level of the worship center... help yourself or just ask someone!*

If children are with you, that's wonderful. Jesus loves children and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. There are children's activity bags on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary; and children's bulletins are on the table. We do offer a staffed nursery for pre-school children during worship if you'd prefer to use it for part or all of the service. The easiest way to get there is go have an usher provide an escort.

*Ask an usher about using a **hearing assist device**; or for a **large print Hymnal**.*

In each program is a half-sheet insert. Please fill it out and use it for an "offering" at that time of the service. Beverage and light refreshments are offered in the dining room in the lower level of the building at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!

PRELUDE "Come and Rest" (by Marcia McFee)
Lighting of the Candles Ringing of the Bell

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

* Praying Together

Gentle and loving God, our souls cling to you like a newborn baby clings to its mother. Give us this day the Bread of life, that as we feast at your table, our souls may be filled with your praise, in Jesus' name. Amen.

* Singing the Faith "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 140

HEARING FROM THE EARLY CHRISTIANS 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A Time for YOUNG DISCIPLES Pastor Paul
(Pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions.)

ACT OF PRAISE "My Maker's World" Chancel Choir

* THE BIBLE Luke 15:1-3 & 11b-32

MESSAGE "Who Decides What's 'Lost' and What's 'Found'?"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: O God, just as there is a bit of the Prodigal in each person, the Elder Brother from the parable is too often present in the church. It is no secret that some people hesitate to join church because of the ways that some of us have treated newcomers

People: Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of hospitality toward strangers.

Forgive us, Lord, for any ways that we make it difficult for new people to find comfortable space in our congregation.

Forgive us, Lord, for jealousy and infighting.

Teach us, Lord, how to receive people whose sins have been made public.

Teach us, Lord, how to make our circles large enough to include others

Teach us, Lord, how to love one another beyond any faults we may see.

(Silent prayer and meditation)

Pastor: Hear the good news, while we were yet sinners, God loved us and longed for us. If we but confess our sins, we are forgiven and our sins are remembered no more. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People (to one another): In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Setting A

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

In the name of Christ, all persons are invited to participate in the meal! Please bring your offering with you when you come, and place it in the plate, located prior to each serving station. As the serving begins, the chancel Choir will sing "Take Our Bread."

* PRAYER OF GRATITUDE & DEDICATION

Forgiving God, we are grateful that you receive us as beloved children. Help us to welcome each person as someone you love. Use our offerings to support your people and ministries that encourage people as they live into new life in Christ. We pray in his precious name. Amen.

* COMMITMENT & BLESSING

(from Luke 15:10b)

L: Fire up the cooking pots! Set a new place at the table . . .

Just in case the one who was "lost" comes home.

ALL: "I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Hallelujah!

* SONG

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

No. 384

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

How We'll Each Put Hands & Feet To The Gospel This Week
(Always use a microphone so everyone may be included. Thank you.)

POSTLUDE

Sylvia Gould

Today's Sunday Servants

Liturgist: ; Children's Lesson: Pastor Paul; Acolytes: Danica Rippentrop & Volunteer Needed; Power Point: Brian Heil; Fellowship Coffee: Rob & Amy Glick, Karen Streffling; Ushers: Kelley Lieser, Kamryn, Molly & Stacy Chapman, Jesse Lieser; Greeters: Ted, Deanna, & Stephen Licht; Nursery: Cheryl Person

March 13 Sunday Servants

Liturgist: Ruel Wehde; Children's Lesson: Kris Clark; Acolytes: Jacob Boedeker & Meredith Coppess; Power Point: Ken McKay Create & Kelly Lieser Run; Fellowship Coffee: Deb & Ken McKay, Jerry & Sylvia Ferguson; Ushers: Jesse Lieser, Madison O'Leary, Landan Hill; Greeters: Stephen & Cheryl Person; Nursery: Volunteer Needed

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Lois Whitlach @ St. Lukes Cedar Rapids

Grace Nichols @ UIHC (JComstock's mom)

Healing: Darlene (Marjorie Stonerook's sister), Jerry Ferguson, Marvin/Frances Ford, Donna Gault, Arlene Hein, Linda Huff, Rex Idlewine, Erma Lyle, Ron Martin, Lynn McIntosh, Katherine Moen(Jane's mom), Warren Nielson (L&K Houstman's bro-in-law), Ray Penningroth (M. Stonerook's bro); and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Kaitlyn McKinney (& folks!) as she leaves tomorrow for Coast Guard Basic Training.

Family/friends of Pearl Conant, mother of Deb. Pearl's funeral was March 3.

Family/friends of Ed Ketelsen, father of Mary Jo Heil. Ed's funeral was March 2.

Family/friends of Vivian Wiskus, wife of Henry, Mark's mother. Vivian's funeral was March 1.

Aaron/Jennifer Comstock family & the myriad decisions in this 'wilderness.' Couples/Families searching for the way forward.

Persons & families of incarceration;

Persons in employment limbo;

Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.

Persons uprooted due to "natural" and/or "human" disaster; and those who are called to help.

Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions.

In Treatment: Jean (Jayne Erickson's sis), Gary Kline, Linda (Kay Miller's sis), Dan Conrad, Rod Ferris

Hospice/Palliative Care: Elmer Flory, Mabel Lamp, Henry Wiskus

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Sean Hannes, Kyle Marchik, Corey Ormsby

Worship 107, Sunday School 69, General Fund \$2100.00, Upper Room \$2.25, Leaving a Legacy \$300.00, GIG Books \$51.00, Shared Blessings \$9.58, Copper Kettle \$34.07, Grand Total \$2496.90

This Week

Sun. Mar. 6: 10:30am

Worship, 3:30pm Junior Lego League

Mon. Mar 7: 6:45pm Missions Meeting

Wed. Mar 9: 1:00pm GIG, 1:30pm Bible Study, 6:00pm GIG, 6:30pm GIG, 7:00pm Choir Practice, 7:30pm Leadership Council

Thurs. Mar 10: 9:30am Communion @ Cedar Manor, 10:00am GIG, 6:30pm Xn Chaos Practice

Sat. Mar 12: 11:00am Shared Blessings

Sun. Mar 13: Daylight Savings Time Begins;

8:30am Choir Kids, 9:00am GIG, 9:00am Sunday School, 10:30am Worship, 2:30pm KFC, 6:00pm Dominoes